forest guards in Kandara forest area falling under Kamakhyanagar Police Station in Dhenkanal District in the intervening night of January 31-February, 1,2007.

(b) The details in respect of officials of Forest Department of Orissa are given below:

	Attacks	Deaths
2002	2	–
2003	2	–
2004	–	–
2005	1	–
2006	2	–
2007* (upto 29th August)	5	4

(c) Law and order being a State subject, dealing with the various issues related to naxalite violence primarily lies in the domain of the State Government concerned. Action is being taken continuously by the State Government to minimize such possibilities and to strengthen related security arrangements. The Central Government is also supplementing the efforts and resources of the State Government through a variety of measures, including deployment of 4 battalions of Central Para Military Forces which work under the command of the State Government, strengthening of the local police and intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces, provision of assistance through the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure and sanctioning of 3 India Reserve battalions.

National Communal Harmony Award

2376. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal to institute a National Communal Harmony Award and set up an international study centre in New Delhi named after Basaveshwara; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The information is being collected from the concerned Ministries and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Police firing for crowd control

2377. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the conditions under which police firing as a method of crowd control is used;

(b) whether methods such as water canons, tear gas etc. are not used to disperse crowds before the use of bullets; and